

State Societies Host Successful Annual Meetings

April was a busy month for our state societies.

The hosting North Olympic Chapter of Washington State SAF kicked off the month with their April 3-5 meeting in Port Angeles under the theme of Forest and Watershed Restoration. The one-day indoor meeting and second-day field trip drew 97 participants, including 14 students and SAF National President John McNulty. Speakers addressed the theme from multiple forestland ownership perspectives. Don Hanley received the Forester of the Year award and special recognition was given to Chuck Lorenz for his many years of service as treasurer. The Southwest Washington Chapter took home the Chapter of the Year award.

On April 17-19, more than 130 participants gathered in Lebanon's Boulder Falls Convention for Oregon SAF's annual meeting hosted by the Marys Peak Chapter. The meeting's focus was on Forest Management: Emerging Challenges, New Solutions, and Telling Our Story, and sparked lively discussions. The indoor part of the meeting concluded with the traditional awards banquet where many accomplishments were celebrated. Three energizing field trips provided options for meeting-



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South Puget Sound Chapter Member Don Hanley was chosen as the 2019 WSSAF Forester of the Year. He chairs the WSSAF Golden Members Appreciation luncheon and is an active SAF member.

goers. Nineteen students participated and SAF National Vice President and Marys Peak Chapter Member Tammy Cushing moderated a session.

The Alaska Society held its meeting in Anchorage on April 24-26. Host Cook Inlet Chapter planned an excellent program around the theme of State of the Forest that focused on current and historic spruce beetle outbreaks and the latest in bioenergy technology. Over 60 participants attended, including SAF

CEO Terry Baker.

A full slate of awards was presented. Taya Much received the Young Forester of the Year award; Kevin Meany was recognized as the Field Forester of the Year; and Jeremy Douse was honored as Forester of the Year. REI was recognized with a Service to Forestry award, and the Dixon Entrance Chapter was awarded the Chapter of the Year.



Jeremy Douse is Alaska SAF's Forester of the Year.

Congratulations on successful meetings that showed members they belong to a vibrant professional society. ♦

Gravel Riding

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Hampton has a network of nearly 800 miles of forest road in Oregon alone and most are open for free, day-use access except during periods of high fire danger. They do ask that visitors respect their forest work and the environment, stay clear of active harvest areas, and always stay mindful of fire danger.

Like all forms of forest recreation, landowners can expect visitors to follow posted signs and regulations. Gravel riding visitors are generally very low impact—passing through the forest on established roads and gone by nightfall. They pose low risk of vandalism, fire starts, or interruption of forest activities. They enjoy the forests and share their stories back home. If you see them, stop and have a conversation. Help them understand the forests they are riding through and the work you do to manage forests. These visitors are a growing part of the fabric of Oregon life and an opportunity to share your forestland with the greater population. ♦

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Oregon SAF celebrated the service and commitment of many gifted individuals to the forestry profession during the annual awards banquet. Shown left to right: Brennan Garrelts, Young Forester Leadership award; Meghan Tuttle, OSAF chair; Anthony Davis, Tough Tree award; Clay Baumgartner and Reynold Gardner, Forestry Appreciation awards; Steve Pilkerton, Presidential Field Forester for District 2; Caity Wind, Mount Hood Community College Student award; Dan Newton representing Weyerhaeuser Company, Heritage award; Carlos Gonzalez-Benecke, Oregon State University, Research award; Quinton BigKnife, OSU Student award; Bob Alverts, Lifetime Achievement award; and Tim Keith and Norm Michaels, OSAF Awards Committee co-chairs. Not shown: Mark Morgans, Forester of the Year award.